

The Hong Kong Daily Press.

No. 4755 號正十五百七千四第 日十初月正年申壬治同 HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1873. 五拜禮 號七月二英 港香 [Prior \$24 PER MONTH.]

Arrivals.

Feb. 5, PHOENIX, Ger. bark, 450, Quodens, Cardiff 16th September, 654 tons Coal.—Wm. PUSTAU & Co.
Feb. 6, ALBANY, Ger. bark, 305, Mauch, Bangkok 5th Dec., General.—SHERMAN & Co.
Feb. 6, PHASE, French str., 960, Walker, Yokohama and Tientsin 30th January, General.—SHERMAN & Co.
Feb. 6, NINA, Dutch steamer, 600, Milson, Swatow 5th February, General.—Kwong ACHONG.

Departures.

Feb. 6, HONGKONG, for Macao.
Feb. 6, NANO, str., for East Coast.
Feb. 6, GELONG, str., for Bombay, &c.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, FEBRUARY 6th.
Harwich, for Whampoa.

Passengers.

Per Alabaster, from Hongkong.—
1 Chinese.
Per Nona, str., from Swatow.—
3 Cabin, 1 European deck and 45 Chinese.
Per Phase, str., from Yokohama.—
Capt. Vassallo, Messrs. Greaves, Siebold and Mitsui, and 55 Japanese.
Per Hindostan, str., from Calcutta, &c.—
Rev. A. Stoddart, Messrs. H. Abbott, Somerville, P. Agar, M. Owen and G. Fordan, and 50 Chinese and Native deck.

Reports.

The French steamer Phoebe reports left Swatow on 5th February, light variable winds and fine weather throughout. The steamer Aden and H.I.O.M. gunboat Chelva, were in Swatow when the steamer Phoebe left.

The British steamer Hindostan reports left Calcutta on 19th Jan. Penang on the 25th, and Singapore on the 27th. On leaving Singapore she had moderate weather, which increased to a strong S.E. gale, from 100 to 140 N. with heavy sea running and strong S.W. current; from thence to arrival moderate monsoon and fine weather; arrived at 9 p.m. February 6th.

The Ger. bark Alabaster reports left Bangkok on 5th December, had calm and light airs in the Gulf, and strong N.E. monsoon from thence to arrival, with very high sea and boisterous weather. On 9th January, in lat. 10° 30' N., and long. 111° 50' E., spoke the German bark Johann Maria, from Saigon bound to Amoy.

The German bark Alabaster reports left On 13th Dec. on 14th September, went out with fresh N.W. winds to lat. 41° N., when N.E. trades set in strong; crossed the Equator on 21st October in long. 24° W., had very light S.E. trades; passed Trinidad Island on the 29th; from thence to lat. 40° S., had variable winds and calm; ran down the coast in lat. 42° S., passed Australia on 13th December; made Sandalwood Island on 5th January; cleared the Ombay Passages on the 9th, and Gildio Passages on the 16th; made the Pelor Islands on the 20th; after which got strong N.E. monsoon to Balancing Channel on 2nd February; from thence fresh to arrival on 5th February.

FOOTBOY SHIPPING.

January 22nd, Albion Isle from Newcastle, N.S.W.
January 22nd, Marie Louise for Sydney; 21st, Kien Wei for Canton.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

January 16th, Zohrab from Nagasaki; 22nd, Edward James from Yokohama; 23rd, Sarah Sands from Singapore; 25th, Argonaut from Cardiff; Electra from Keelung, Bagel from Keelung; 27th, Georgina from Nagasaki.

January 16th, Union for Tientsin; 17th, Herman Friedrich for Hakodadi; 18th, Locobully for Ochof, Sorpent for Nagasaki; 21st, Harmon for Foochow, Laying for Hakodadi, Elizabeth Graham for New York; 22nd, Edward for Ochof, Adelaide for Ningbo, Alexandra for Nagasaki, Christoph for Ochof; 23rd, Sally for Amoy, Niapco for Nagasaki; 24th, Adele for Foochow; 25th, Omba for New York; 26th, Zohrab for Nagasaki, Britain's Bride for Nagasaki; 27th, Hete for Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.

January 10th, Oshikuni, from London; 11th, Menzies, str., from Hongkong, Ormy from Nagasaki; 17th, Alaska, str., from San Francisco; 21st, Japan, str., from Hongkong; 22nd, Madras, str., from Hongkong.

DEPARTURES.

January 14th, Sanda, str., for Hongkong; 17th, New York, str., for Shanghai; 21st, Menzies, str., for Hongkong.

Auction Sales To-day.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Sundry Goods.
Horses, Carriages, Harness, &c.

FOR SALE.

A BAY Galloway Mare, about 8 years old, warranted sound and without vice, about 14 hands high and quiet in Saddle.
Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
144 173 Hongkong, 24th January, 1873.
P. O. S. N. CO.

NOTICE.

THE Steamers from Calcutta, connecting at Galle with the mails, leaving Hongkong on 25th February, 6th March, and 3rd April, will proceed to SOUTHAMPTON via the SUEZ CANAL.

NOTICE.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.
YANGTSE INSHURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 765,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest dividend of 15% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policy holders equally, in cash, ALL the profits of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

NOTICE.

THE Underwriting having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$500,000 of Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 of Dollars.
Court of Directors.—
Chairman—J. F. R. Esq.
Deputy Chairman—S. D. Sassoon, Esq.
W. E. Fitch, Esq., J. G. F. Esq., Esq.
A. J. Esq., Esq.
H. E. Esq., Esq.
Manager.—
Hongkong—James Greig, Esq.
Shanghai—David McLean, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months 2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months 3 per cent. per annum.
LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
JAMES BEECH, Chief Manager.
Office of the Corporation.
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
11th November, 1872.

AGRA BANK, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance with instructions received from the Board of Directors, the HONGKONG BRANCH will be closed on 31st December, 1872, after which date Messrs. GILMAN & Co. will act as Agents for the Bank at this Port.

H. HUGHES, Manager, Hongkong Branch.
2, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, 13th December, 1872. [Sm 2178]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.
IN conformity with the Special Resolutions adopted and confirmed at the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on the 1st and 15th instants, altering Clauses Nos. 130, 131, 132, and 133 of the Articles of Association, which changes to take effect from 1st November, 1872, the Company will, from that date, be distributed as follows, viz.:—
Two-thirds (2/3rds) to all contributors, whether shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of premium contributed by each.
One-third (1/3rd) to Shareholders generally, according to the number of shares held by each.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
11th November, 1872.
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IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FOR Insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufactures and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbours or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships, also Ships Building and Repairing, Barges and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.
The Underwritten, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$50,000 on any one First Class Risk.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1873.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.
THE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.
FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.
A discount of 20% allowed.
LIFE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000, on reasonable terms.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
11th November, 1872.

NOTICE.
ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz.:—
Dwelling Houses (removed from the town and their contents) 1 percent.
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents 1 percent.
Offices and Godowns and their 1 percent.
Contents by Special arrangement.
The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Policies:—
Not exceeding 1 month 4 per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 5 per cent.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 6 per cent.
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 7 per cent.
Above 12 months, and not exceeding 24 months, 8 per cent.
Above 24 months, and not exceeding 36 months, 9 per cent.
Above 36 months, and not exceeding 48 months, 10 per cent.
Above 48 months, and not exceeding 60 months, 11 per cent.
Above 60 months, and not exceeding 72 months, 12 per cent.
Above 72 months, and not exceeding 84 months, 13 per cent.
Above 84 months, and not exceeding 96 months, 14 per cent.
Above 96 months, and not exceeding 108 months, 15 per cent.
Above 108 months, and not exceeding 120 months, 16 per cent.
Above 120 months, and not exceeding 132 months, 17 per cent.
Above 132 months, and not exceeding 144 months, 18 per cent.
Above 144 months, and not exceeding 156 months, 19 per cent.
Above 156 months, and not exceeding 168 months, 20 per cent.
Above 168 months, and not exceeding 180 months, 21 per cent.
Above 180 months, and not exceeding 192 months, 22 per cent.
Above 192 months, and not exceeding 204 months, 23 per cent.
Above 204 months, and not exceeding 216 months, 24 per cent.
Above 216 months, and not exceeding 228 months, 25 per cent.
Above 228 months, and not exceeding 240 months, 26 per cent.
Above 240 months, and not exceeding 252 months, 27 per cent.
Above 252 months, and not exceeding 264 months, 28 per cent.
Above 264 months, and not exceeding 276 months, 29 per cent.
Above 276 months, and not exceeding 288 months, 30 per cent.
Above 288 months, and not exceeding 300 months, 31 per cent.
Above 300 months, and not exceeding 312 months, 32 per cent.
Above 312 months, and not exceeding 324 months, 33 per cent.
Above 324 months, and not exceeding 336 months, 34 per cent.
Above 336 months, and not exceeding 348 months, 35 per cent.
Above 348 months, and not exceeding 360 months, 36 per cent.
Above 360 months, and not exceeding 372 months, 37 per cent.
Above 372 months, and not exceeding 384 months, 38 per cent.
Above 384 months, and not exceeding 396 months, 39 per cent.
Above 396 months, and not exceeding 408 months, 40 per cent.
Above 408 months, and not exceeding 420 months, 41 per cent.
Above 420 months, and not exceeding 432 months, 42 per cent.
Above 432 months, and not exceeding 444 months, 43 per cent.
Above 444 months, and not exceeding 456 months, 44 per cent.
Above 456 months, and not exceeding 468 months, 45 per cent.
Above 468 months, and not exceeding 480 months, 46 per cent.
Above 480 months, and not exceeding 492 months, 47 per cent.
Above 492 months, and not exceeding 504 months, 48 per cent.
Above 504 months, and not exceeding 516 months, 49 per cent.
Above 516 months, and not exceeding 528 months, 50 per cent.
Above 528 months, and not exceeding 540 months, 51 per cent.
Above 540 months, and not exceeding 552 months, 52 per cent.
Above 552 months, and not exceeding 564 months, 53 per cent.
Above 564 months, and not exceeding 576 months, 54 per cent.
Above 576 months, and not exceeding 588 months, 55 per cent.
Above 588 months, and not exceeding 600 months, 56 per cent.
Above 600 months, and not exceeding 612 months, 57 per cent.
Above 612 months, and not exceeding 624 months, 58 per cent.
Above 624 months, and not exceeding 636 months, 59 per cent.
Above 636 months, and not exceeding 648 months, 60 per cent.
Above 648 months, and not exceeding 660 months, 61 per cent.
Above 660 months, and not exceeding 672 months, 62 per cent.
Above 672 months, and not exceeding 684 months, 63 per cent.
Above 684 months, and not exceeding 696 months, 64 per cent.
Above 696 months, and not exceeding 708 months, 65 per cent.
Above 708 months, and not exceeding 720 months, 66 per cent.
Above 720 months, and not exceeding 732 months, 67 per cent.
Above 732 months, and not exceeding 744 months, 68 per cent.
Above 744 months, and not exceeding 756 months, 69 per cent.
Above 756 months, and not exceeding 768 months, 70 per cent.
Above 768 months, and not exceeding 780 months, 71 per cent.
Above 780 months, and not exceeding 792 months, 72 per cent.
Above 792 months, and not exceeding 804 months, 73 per cent.
Above 804 months, and not exceeding 816 months, 74 per cent.
Above 816 months, and not exceeding 828 months, 75 per cent.
Above 828 months, and not exceeding 840 months, 76 per cent.
Above 840 months, and not exceeding 852 months, 77 per cent.
Above 852 months, and not exceeding 864 months, 78 per cent.
Above 864 months, and not exceeding 876 months, 79 per cent.
Above 876 months, and not exceeding 888 months, 80 per cent.
Above 888 months, and not exceeding 900 months, 81 per cent.
Above 900 months, and not exceeding 912 months, 82 per cent.
Above 912 months, and not exceeding 924 months, 83 per cent.
Above 924 months, and not exceeding 936 months, 84 per cent.
Above 936 months, and not exceeding 948 months, 85 per cent.
Above 948 months, and not exceeding 960 months, 86 per cent.
Above 960 months, and not exceeding 972 months, 87 per cent.
Above 972 months, and not exceeding 984 months, 88 per cent.
Above 984 months, and not exceeding 996 months, 89 per cent.
Above 996 months, and not exceeding 1008 months, 90 per cent.
Above 1008 months, and not exceeding 1020 months, 91 per cent.
Above 1020 months, and not exceeding 1032 months, 92 per cent.
Above 1032 months, and not exceeding 1044 months, 93 per cent.
Above 1044 months, and not exceeding 1056 months, 94 per cent.
Above 1056 months, and not exceeding 1068 months, 95 per cent.
Above 1068 months, and not exceeding 1080 months, 96 per cent.
Above 1080 months, and not exceeding 1092 months, 97 per cent.
Above 1092 months, and not exceeding 1104 months, 98 per cent.
Above 1104 months, and not exceeding 1116 months, 99 per cent.
Above 1116 months, and not exceeding 1128 months, 100 per cent.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
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Above 1104 months and not exceeding 1116 months 100 per cent. do.

To be Let.

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From 1st January.
THAT desirable HOUSE marked B, Hollywood Road, facing Horse, d'Esclapart, at present occupied by S. D. GIBSON, Esq.
Apply to
A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Agents,
or
ROZARIO & Co., Hongkong.
1st January, 1873.

TO LET.
No. 1 and 2, WESTBURN VILLAS, situated on the Bowdoin Road.
Apply to
BARRINGTON & ALGAR, Architects, &c.,
1133 Hongkong, 24th January, 1873.

TO LET.
(With immediate possession.)
THAT very desirable BUNGALOW, situated at Pokfulam, and known as "BELMONT," with Bowling Alley, Coach House, stable, &c., &c., attached. Water laid on.
Apply to
GILMAN & Co.,
1132 Hongkong, 18th June, 1872.

TO LET.
(With immediate possession.)
THAT desirable RESIDENCE known as "PERSEPOLIS," situated in Bonham Road, containing 10 Rooms, besides Bazaar, Store, Bath Rooms, &c., Water and Gas throughout, also large Garden, Croquet Ground, Stabling, &c. Possession on 15th March.
Apply to
BARRINGTON & ALGAR, House Agents,
1132 Hongkong, 3rd January, 1873.

TO LET.
A FURNISHED ROOM, or two if required, with BATH ROOM, in a central and healthy locality. Address "B.E.L.MONT," at Pokfulam, &c., care of office of this paper.
1132 Hongkong, 15th December, 1872.

TO LET.
TWO GRANITE GODOWNS, fronting on the Praya at Wauchau.
Apply to
E. E. BURROWS & SONS,
1178 Hongkong, 8th October, 1872.

TO LET.
WITH possession on the 1st January next, or prior to that date if required, that Commodious TWO-STORY HOUSE situated in Bonham Road West, and formerly in the occupation of ROBERT MEMPHREY, Esq., there are 12 Rooms, 3 Stalled Kitchens, Coach-house, Harness Room, large Kitchen Garden, and Pleasure Grounds, Gas and Water laid throughout. Apply to
ED. SHARP & TOLLER, Solicitors,
1172 Hongkong, 25th January, 1873.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE DIVIDEND OF \$3 (Three Dollars) per cent. to 31st December, 1872, declared at the Half-yearly Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 27th instant. Shareholders may obtain Dividend Warrants for the same on application to the undersigned.
By Order of the Board,
ED. BAKER, Secretary,
1155 Hongkong, 24th January, 1873.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE DIVIDEND OF Dollars Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250), per share, declared at the Seventh Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders held this day, will be payable on or after the 20th instant.
Dividend Warrants can be had at the Office of the Company, No. 48, Queen's Road, on application.
By order,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., General Agents,
1st January, 1873.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1872.
CONTRIBUTORS of business to the above Company are hereby requested to hand to the undersigned before the First day of March next, papers showing their contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1872, in order that their share of the divisible profits may be ascertained. Should such contributions fail to render the returns specified, their accounts will be used in conformity with the books of the Company.
OLYMPIANT & Co., General Agents,
11th January, 1873.

YANGTSE INSHURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
NOTICE.
THIS Association has declared a DIVIDEND to Policy Holders of the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1872, of 25 per cent. on the net premium contributed, which is payable at the Office, on or after this date.
Policy Holders are requested to send in particulars of their contributions.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents,
1st January, 1873.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
11th November, 1872.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date, and until further notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) on current local rates of Premium, will be returned on Insurances against fire, effected with this Office.
NORTON, LYALL & Co., Agents,
1174 Hongkong, 25th June, 1872.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks at current rates.
RUSSELL & Co.,
11th November, 1872.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Policies, viz.:—
Not exceeding 10 days 4 per cent. of the annual rate.
Not exceeding 1 month 5 per cent. do.
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Extracts.

MUTE DEVOTION.

When the morning dawned
In the morning bright and clear,
And the zephyr gently shook
By the zephyr's lingering near;
Sweetly turn they up to Heaven,
Ope their eyes to the light of day,
Sweetly they come to be forgiven,
But they surely seem to pray.
Like the flower—thus should we early
Turn our youthful eyes above;
Ere the day's expanded fairly,
Peek for counsel and for love;
So that we, when life's destined,
Shall not to mope the tomb,
Mark the dawn without repining,
Hope behold amid the gloom.

When the day's bright beam is dying,
And the red sun veils his face,
While the gentle breeze is sighing,
Moody bow the blooming race;
Humbly bow they down to Heaven,
Close their eyes of dewy morn,
Sins they go to be forgiven,
But they surely seem to pray.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

A letter from home,
From across the wide sea—
A simple white missive,
Yet precious to me!
Beneath its light folds
Ay, jewels more precious
Than silver and gold—
A letter from home,
Brings in on my life,
I hear from dear wife,
I hear from dear wife,
And mother sends love,
To her "boy" far away,
With "I never forget you,
My son, when I pray."
A letter from home!
Of its trials and joys—
Of the hopes of the girls,
And the aims of the boys:
No sorrow so deep,
And no trifle so small,
But in sympathy loving,
My heart may know all.
A letter from home!
From across the wide sea—
A simple white missive,
Yet precious to me!

AN OLD SCOTCH SCHOOL.

There was an extensive playground round
The rude "biggin" of the grammar school,
More in accordance with the requirements of
modern physical science, than anything of
the kind which could be found in use in
Scotland two centuries later. There were
bow butts for archery, wrestling rings,
left to their own unorganized games, were
systematically initiated into the exercises
and sports, which were rightly judged
necessary for the effective training of the
body in the offensive and defensive warfare
of the battle of life. Master Nicol, the
teacher, who had been a skilful archer and
famous golfer in his day, awoke up to some-
thing like education in assuming the office
of schoolmaster in the grammar, and in accepting
the leading tribute of respect to his experience
and prowess.—*Sunday Magazine.*

LAMARTINE'S PARENTS.

The Duke of Orleans, who was also Count
of Beaupré, had the nomination of a cer-
tain number of ladies to the chapter of Salles,
which was a dependence of his duchy. It
was thus by him that my mother was ap-
pointed canoness at the age of fifteen or
sixteen. I have still her portrait done at
that time, besides those which my father and
her sisters have so often shown to me. She
is represented in her dress as Canoness—
young, tall, of a fine and flexible figure, with
beautiful white rounded arms, covered to the
elbow by tight black sleeves. On her breast
lies the gold cross of the chapter. Through
her hair of black and luxuriant black hair
over her head hangs down in graceful
folds on each side. Her brilliant colouring,
and finely formed figure stand out alone
amidst all the dark and sombre colouring,
and heighten the general effect. Time has
a little faded the colouring of the picture of
this girl of fifteen; but the features are as
pure and regular as if the brush of the paint-
er were not yet dry on the palette. It is
for us to notice that sweet smile, speak-
ing of interior peace, that inexpressible ten-
derness of look, and especially that peculiar
brightness, so full of intelligence and feeling,
which seemed to dart from her deep-set eyes,
slightly shadowed by their eyelids which droop-
ed a little as if she would not use at once all
the magic power they contained. Only by
glancing at this portrait, you understand what
once the amount of passionate love which
such a woman must have inspired; and all
the devotion with which she afterwards filled
the hearts of her children. My father was
indeed worthy, for his noble character and
handsome personal appearance, to win the
heart of a brave and loving woman. He was
no longer very young when he married her,
being thirty-eight years old. But to one of a
long lived race, who was to die still young,
and body at ninety years old, with all
his hair and all his teeth, and that severe and
imposing beauty which crowns a virtuous old
age, thirty-eight was the prime of life. His
tall figure, military gait, and distinguished
features made him the very type of one born
to command. A peculiar frankness of man-
ner and an honest pride of independence
were two of his most remarkable characteris-
tics. Although he had passed his youth and
his never after that frivolous grace,
though feeling intensely at the bottom of his
heart, he often appeared cold and indifferent;
for he was afraid of himself, and almost
ashamed of the depth of his feelings. There
never was a man in this world who had a
more humble opinion of himself, or who strove
to conceal more, with the modesty of a
very woman, the qualities which were primi-
tively in him almost to the position of a
hero. But I did not understand him at first.
I thought him hard and austere, when he
was but strict and just. As to his tastes,
they were as simple as himself. Patriotic
and soldier-like in his habits, his occupations
were in union with his character. He
divided the year between hunting, shooting,
and fishing when in the country, and the
duties of his regiment, which included the
care of his horses, his arms, and the regu-
lar routine, which he performed with the
coronel and enabled by his enthusiasm for a
soldier's life. Till he married, his regiment
was more to him than his own family. He
saw for nothing beyond his rank as captain
of cavalry and the esteem of his comrades.
The honour of his corps was as dear to him
as his own. He knew by heart the name of
every officer and soldier in his regiment, and
one and all were devoted to him. Without
any kind of ambition or bunkering for a
larger fortune or a higher rank, his ideal of
happiness was to be a first-rate officer and the
god of honour; to serve his king for the love
of God; to pass six months of the year in a
garrison town with his regiment, and the other
six months in a little country home with
his wife and children—a simple, primi-
tive minded man, in fact, a little modified by
his soldier's life—much as my father. The
terrible Revolution, misfortunes of different
kinds, and above all, the influence of his
years, modified his ideas very much as
years went on. I have myself watched the
gradual completion and development of that
mild nature after seventy years of battle with
life. He was like one of those oaks which
renew their youth and freshness up to the
very hour when they are laid to the root of
the tree. At length he was still moving on-
wards and upwards towards perfection.—
*From "Memoirs of Lamartine." Translated
by Lady Herbert.*

HENRY MORE, THE MYSTIC.

More was in person tall and thin, but of a
"seraphic" expression, countenance—rather
pale than florid in his later years—his eyes
were clear and spiritual; and his eyes
blue, and vivid as an eagle. There is indeed,
as all who have seen his portrait by Leggan
will admit, a singularly vivid elevation in his
countenance—some lines strongly draw
round the mouth, but with ineffable sweet-
ness, light, and dignity in the "mystic" ex-
pression. As he is the "mystic" and ex-
traordinary, so he is upon the whole the
most spiritual-looking of all the Cambridge
divines. His character has been already so
far sketched, but it is in some respects so
marked and interesting a type of the devout
mystic—a character which, as the world
grows older, seems to become rarer, at least
in any healthy form—that we may be ex-
cused for adding a few further touches. He
was a man of a singularly original gift with
the most happy and buoyant religious temper.
He was profoundly pious; and yet without
all sourness, superstition, or melancholy.
His habitual cast of mind was a serene
thoughtfulness, while his "outward conver-
sation" with his friends was for the most part
"free and facetious." Religion was a
practice with him clearly what to the world
it is to many—a "consecration" and per-
fection of the natural life—the brightest and
best form which it could reach, under the
inspiration and guidance of the Divine
Spirit. Although he chose for himself a
secluded life, and so far suffered in conse-
quence from a lack of that comprehensive
experience which is more than all other
education to the wise and open mind, he was
not yet actuated in doing so by any in-
difference to the high and noble active in-
terests of humanity. "There was such a life
and spirit in him as loved the exercises of
reason, wit, and divine speculation at once."
And his biographer has heard him say "that
he could not get melancholy enough," by
which he was supposed to mean, "divine deep
enough into divine sense and meditation."
His spiritual happiness seems at times to
have overpowered him, and given him cause
for self-reproach. He professed to a friend
that he was "sometimes almost mad with
pleasure," and he experienced this ecstatic
feeling in the simplest circumstances. "Walk-
ing abroad after his studies, his sallies
towards Nature would be often inexpressibly
ravishing, beyond what he could convey to
others." Many passages in his writings, and
particularly in his "Diogenes," show how
particular was his sense of delight in Nature.
He was wont to say that he wished that he
could be "always and die," for he could study
abroad with less weariness by far to himself
than within doors. His freedom and
buoyancy of mind, and rapturous delight in
his own thoughts, would sometimes carry
him away. It stimulated unduly his rapidity
as a writer, and left him without the cool
judgment that generally renders his sermons,
judgments, and letters so convincing. His
mind brought into form the heated thoughts
which the brain casts from it in moments of
spiritual and intellectual excitement. He
said that he felt sometimes in writing as if
his mind "went faster than he almost
desired," and that "all the while he seemed,
as it were, to be in the air." This mystical
glow and elevation were the chief features of
his mind and character; a certain transport
and radiance of thought which carried him
beyond the common life, without raising him
to any false or artificial height. It was re-
markable that his very air had in it something
angelical. "He seemed to be full of in-
vincible light, benignity, and devotion at
once—as if his face had been overcast with a
golden shower of love and purity." Strangers
often noticed this "marvellous lustre and
irradiation" in his eyes. "He seemed to be
a divine glow," as he himself said, "breathed
throughout all his life as his work; but
however far it lifted him it never inflated
him." "A highly learned and pious man,"
said "that he looked upon Dr. More as the
holiest person upon the face of the earth." But
his charity and humility were not less con-
spicuous than his piety. "His very chamber-
door was a hospital to the poor." "When the
winds were ruffling about him, he would be
in his study, and he would be low and hum-
ble, and his mind might not be driven from that
anchor." While More, in short, was no
hero, either in thought or in deed—his
speculations were too transcendental, and his
life too retired for this—he yet came before
us as a singularly beautiful, benign, and no-
ble character—one of those higher spirits
who help us to feel the divine presence on
earth, and to believe in its reality.—
"Rational Theology," by John Tulloch, D.D.

THE SCIENCE OF KNAVERY.

The most important point in all plans is
the preliminary arrangements; the neglect
of these will assuredly mar the whole. Often
and often have I traced the ill-success of a
very clever operator to some carelessness in the
first step, some imprudent word, perhaps,
or a want of common prudence. I may say
here that the utmost patience is required to
ensure success. Those who have not the
will to control, forethought, and coolness
would do well not to meddle with any of
these plans; such persons, indeed, having no
wit or substance of their own to fall back
upon, had best be honest, for, as the world
goes, that is a sure support for all weak
people. But to this plan—I would first
secure upon the staircase of some much
frequented office in some busy thoroughfare
a letter box, and the landlord liberally
had to be stingy or in any way mean in his
matters. If a man saw not literally how
can he hope to reap plentifully? I have
often seen very admirable schemes quite
wrecked by some piece of paltriness on the
part of the promoter. Having set up your
letter box with lock and key, it would be well
to wait some two or three weeks before
taking any further steps, and in the meantime
you can employ your leisure with profit, if you
make yourself acquainted with the habits of
all those having business in the various
offices in the house; note their coming and
their going, and so forth, gleaming at the
same time as much as possible concerning
the visit of strangers to the place. The next
thing to be done is to draw up some plausible
advertisement, setting out that anyone
forwarding to Joseph Bang, say, at such and
such a place, some three guineas or other
sum he will receive by return of post some
article of value which you will name; it may
be a superior watch jewelled in ten holes, or
any other article which your good judgment
may dictate as suitable to the price you ask.
Let it be a good bargain, but not preposi-
terous; all extremes should be avoided. They
which are too good to be true are not likely
to excite suspicion. It will not cost you much
to advertise your liberal offer. You must
choose the country newspapers for the whole
the well established but the struggling ones
are to be preferred, and in sending your ad-
vertisement enclose them a shilling or so;
positively, saying you will send the balance
of your charge on receipt of their account.
You will order all the same documents to be
inserted on the same day in each paper to
which you send, and let them be many. You
will find that they will all, with very few ex-
ceptions, appear, for your struggling news-
papers are as poor as pickpockets, and clutch
at a shilling with both greed and would make
a gentleman blush for his race. When the
advertisement is inserted your end is gained,
and of course you have no need to send the
balance of the several accounts. Thus you
will gain you would gain by a little judicious
expenditure. If you acted meanly, sending
no money, but requiring credit for the whole
of inserting your advertisement, you
would excite suspicion, but by sending your
shilling or so you may make your advertise-
ment any length you please and ensure its

Insurance.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
After this date, a Discount of 20
per cent on the current rates of Premium
will be allowed to all contributors.
ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
11163 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

After this date, until further notice, a dis-
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
11163 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Queen Insurance Company,
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MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

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count of Twenty per cent (20%) will be
allowed on the current rates of Premium
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Holiday, Wise & Co.,
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Agents, Holiday, Wise & Co.,
11163 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

Insurance.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
After this date, a Discount of 20
per cent on the current rates of Premium
will be allowed to all contributors.
ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
11163 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

After this date, until further notice, a dis-
count of Twenty per cent (20%) will be
allowed on the current rates of Premium
being payable on the issue of the Policy.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
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